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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S JULY 14 SPEECH ON UN

REF: (A) STATE 170841

(B) STATE 175558

1. ON AUGUST 1, I CALLED ON SUB-SECRETARY FOREIGN MINISTRY MARCELO OSTRIA IN ABSENCE OF FOREIGN MINISTER TO REVIEW CONTENTS REF (A). I DELIVERED COPIES OF THE TEXT OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH, WHICH HAD ALREADY COME TO THE MINISTRY'S ATTENTION, AND STRESSED THE POINTS OUTLINED IN THE REFTEL. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO MAKE A STRONG APPEAL THAT THE GOB SEE TO IT THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVES AT UN BODIES CONCENTRATE ON AREAS OF EQUAL CONCERN AND TO AVOID GETTING COMMITTED TO RIGID POSITIONS OR TO FOLLOWING NARROW BLOC LEADERSHIP.

2. OSTRIA RESPONDED PROMPTLY THAT THE BOLIVIAN POSITION WAS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE U.S. AND THAT HE WOULD SEE TO IT THAT APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS WERE ISSUED TO BOLIVIA'S REPRESENTATIVES AT UN BODIES. HE SAID THAT THE ITALIAN AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY CALLED AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY TO MAKE A SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO MINE IN THE NAME OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY BUT THAT THE SUBJECT OF ISRAEL HAD NOT COME UP. OSTRIA SAID HE WANTED TO RAISE ISRAEL SPECIFICALLY AND THAT HE WOULD BE EXAMINING THE U.S. LEGAL POSITION ON THE ISRAELI SUSPENSION
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ISSUE WHICH WE HAD FORWARDED TO HIM IN AN AIDE MEMOIRE, IN

ACCORDANCE WITH REF (B). HE OFFERED AS THE GOB POSITION THAT
IT MADE NO SENSE TO ATTEMPT TO EXPEL A MEMBER STATE, LONG A
MEMBER OF THE UN, AND A PARTICIPANT IN A DISPUTE IN THE
MIDDLE EAST WHICH THE UN WAS SERIOUSLY ATTEMPTING TO RECONCILE.
HE SAID THE GOB WILL OPPOSE ANY EFFORT TO ATTEMPT TO EXPEL
ISRAEL FROM THE UN OR TO BLOCK ITS ENTRY THROUGH THE CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE. HE INQUIRED AS TO OUR POSITION IN THE EVENT THAT
ISRAEL WERE SUSPENDED OR EXCLUDED AND I OFFERED HIM MATERIAL
CONTAINED IN PARA 4 OF REF (A).
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